

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3524
OFFERED BY Mr. Green**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING CHINA'S PRED-**
2 **ATORY ECONOMIC PRACTICES IN LATIN**
3 **AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) China's economic engagement in Latin
7 America and the Caribbean has severe long-term im-
8 plications with respect to the rule of law, democratic
9 governance, the environment, and liberties; and

10 (2) the Government of China and affiliated
11 companies pursue economic policies largely to the
12 detriment of the region's economic prosperity and
13 stability as evidenced by—

14 (A) the Coca Codo Sinclair dam, a defec-
15 tive energy project which left Ecuador in a
16 multibillion oil-for-loans debt trap and obligated
17 the country to repay China with 80 percent of
18 the country's petroleum exports;

1 (B) providing the criminal Maduro regime
2 with over \$60,000,000,000 in loans and depriv-
3 ing the Venezuelan people of resources by de-
4 manding repayment in oil shipments;

5 (C) multibillion-dollar Chinese investments
6 in critical minerals such lithium mines in Ar-
7 gentina, Bolivia, Chile and Mexico, and Brazil's
8 niobium reserves, one of the few outside loca-
9 tions of China, as well as rare earth elements;

10 (D) transactions taken by Chinese compa-
11 nies in 2000-2018, 62 percent of which were
12 mergers and strategic acquisitions obtaining
13 companies in the critical raw materials, manu-
14 facturing, and technology sectors;

15 (E) overcharging its diplomatic ally, the
16 Dominican Republic, \$19,000,000 for
17 1,000,000 doses of lifesaving COVID-19 vac-
18 cines;

19 (F) compelling Brazil and the Dominican
20 Republic to reverse prior decisions to limit
21 Huawei participation from their 5G technology
22 to receive China's COVID-19 vaccine;

23 (G) China's track record of exploiting its
24 purchasing power to compel trade dependent

1 commodity exporters such as Argentina to fa-
2 cilitate China's national interests;

3 (H) profiteering from uncompensated
4 property and assets nationalized by the Cuban
5 regime, such as the China Communications
6 Construction Company's activities in the Port
7 of Santiago;

8 (I) China's frequent practice of secretly ne-
9 gotiating free trade and special economic zones
10 within countries that boost Chinese companies
11 and displace local businesses and workers;

12 (I) commonly undermining the rule of law
13 by fostering relationships with local businesses
14 and political officials to facilitate access and
15 economic deals; and

16 (J) ZTE exporting its surveillance state
17 capabilities to the Venezuelan regime with the
18 "fatherland card", allowing the dictatorship to
19 monitor citizens finances, voting patterns, and
20 use of government welfare programs.

21 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
22 gress that the Department of State, the United States
23 Agency for International Development, and other relevant
24 executive agencies should prioritize countering the malign
25 activities described in subsection (a) and should not allow

- 1 prohibitive United States climate or social policies to per-
- 2 mit foreign adversaries to gain further influence.

